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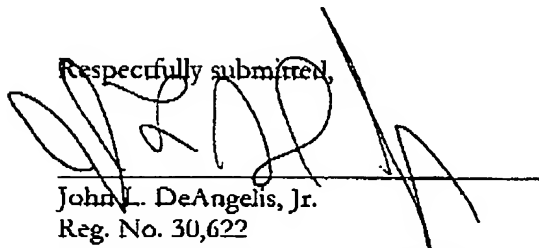
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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005, please amend the subject application as follows.